## Helen M. Eckard<sup>1</sup> Award

**Sponsor:** NCES/NCLIS

**Purpose:** To honor innovative and exemplary use of FSCS and Public Library data.

**Eligibility:** Anyone who uses one or more items of FSCS data in a publicly released product

(e.g., book, video, article, brochure).

**Criteria:** The winning entry(ies) submitted must possess two or more of the following:

clear concept(s)attractive graphics

- actual or potential effectiveness in promoting libraries

- reasoned and meritorious use of the data in describing or analyzing an

issue

**Number:** Up to five awards may be made in one year or the Awards Committee may

make no award.

**Timing:** This will be an annual competition but eligibility is not limited to any particular

year. The first award(s) will be made in July 1995 at the FSCS Workshop

II. Dates of presentation of future award(s) may vary.

**Nominations:** The following are invited to nominate entries:

State Data Coordinatorsmembers of COSLA

- members of FSCS Steering Committee

- users of FSCS data

- Federal, State and local governmental officials

Self nominations are encouraged.

**Procedure:** Candidates should submit four copies to the Chair of the FSCS Data Use

Subcommittee by **September 1** of each year.

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**Award Committee:** Members of the FSCS Steering Committee (other than those who may submit

nominations or entries) will serve as jury.

Form of Award: Engraved Plaque

<sup>1</sup> The late Mrs. Eckard was an NCES staff member who provided outstanding leadership as a professional librarian for the support of the Library Statistics Program.